

REMARKS

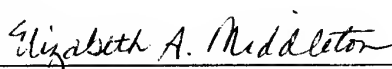
In the subject Office Action dated February 1, 2007, claims 1, 11-14, 16, 17, and 20-43 were examined. In response thereto, claims 1, 11-12, 16-17, 37, 40-41, and 43 are amended, claims 2-10, 14-15, 18-19, 26-34, 36, 38-39, and 42 are canceled, claims 20-25 are withdrawn, claims 44-49 are added, and claims 1, 11-13, 16-17, 35, 37, 40-41, and 43-49 remain under active prosecution. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments are subject in the originally filed application and do not introduce new subject matter. Moreover, Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments merely clarify and do not further limit or narrow the scope of the claims and should be admissible after final rejection.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview with the Examiner which was held on April 19, 2007 (hereinafter "Interview"). During the Interview, the claims and the cited art were discussed. Applicants have amended the claims as discussed, and t gratefully appreciate the Examiner's suggestions. Applicants submit that the present amendments would overcome the rejections in the pending Final Office Action, and the amended claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has the right to update his search.

CONCLUSION

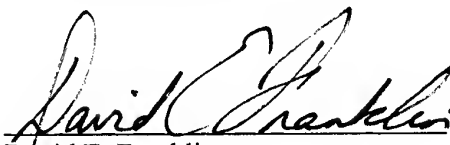
In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, it is respectfully submitted that the claims currently pending in the present application are in form for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of those claims, as amended herein, is earnestly solicited. Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact their representative, David Franklin at (513) 651-6856 or dfranklin@fbtlaw.com.

The claims after amendment again number 17 total and 1 independent. Since 25 claims total and 3 independent were originally paid for, no claim fees are due at this time. Since the response was filed within the three month response period, no extension fees are due. However, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees to Frost Brown Todd LLC Deposit Account No. 06-2226.

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